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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of Daisuke NOHARA, Jingo SHIRASAKA, Isao NISHI, Masaaki TSUCHIHASHI and Tetsuo TAKANO entitled "ADDITIVE FOR RUBBER COMPOSITION, ADDITIVE COMPOSITION FOR RUBBER COMPOSITION, RUBBER COMPOSITION AND TIRE"  
 Assignees: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION and KAO CORPORATION  
 Our Reference Q65728

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto for filing are the application papers identified above comprising twenty-six (26) sheets of the specification, including twenty-one (21) claims and an Abstract of the Disclosure, an executed Assignment with Form PTO-1595 and an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed are a Preliminary Amendment and an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 and three (3) cited references.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows, after entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment:

Total claims	21	-	20	=	1	x	\$18.00	=	\$18.00
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<b>TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED</b>									<b>\$848.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$808.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge any difference or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 that may be required during the entire pendency of the application to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also attached.

Priority is claimed from August 8, 2000, and December 27, 2000, based on Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2000-239,503 and 2000-397,565, respectively. The priority documents will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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